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**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe:

The Sheriff's Department has re-considered your request. We will produce a database that contains most of the data fields identified in your letter. You can expect to receive the database on or before April 26, 2019.

Our consternation was as follows: The data contained in the database was derived from Use of Force incident reports. Prior to August 2016, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department required one such incident report to be completed per use of force incident. Beginning in August 2016, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department changed its reporting requirements such that every sworn employee involved in the use of force incident was required to complete a use of force incident report. As a result, one use of force incident may be reported multiple times in the database. Accordingly, the database may not be helpful in determining the "demographic" information for the Sheriff's Department's use of force incidents from August 2016 forward. Nevertheless, we are making the information available to you in compliance with your California Public Records Act request, subject to the aforementioned caveat.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM D. GORE, Sheriff

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